May 2, 2007 Update

The EMT Certification Extension Rulemaking was approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council at its meeting on May 1, 2007. This rulemaking amends R9-25-401 and R9-25-406 to implement the EMT certification extension provision added to <u>A.R.S. § 36-2202(G)</u> during the last legislative session. The rulemaking:

- Creates a \$150 certification extension fee,
- Retroactively authorizes an EMT who files an application for recertification with an extension fee within 30 days after the expiration date to work as an EMT during the interim period between the expiration date and the application with the fee,
- Clarifies that an individual who does not submit an application for recertification with an extension fee within 30 days after the expiration date was not authorized to work after the expiration date and is not eligible for recertification, and
- Clarifies that ADHS may deny an application submitted with a certification extension fee based on failure to meet the standards for recertification.

The rulemaking will become **effective June 30, 2007**, at which time ADHS will begin charging the \$150 certification extension fee for each application for EMT recertification filed within 30 days after the certification expiration date.

The Notice of Final Rulemaking will be published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on May 25, 2007, and will be available under Public Health Services at http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/final07.htm shortly thereafter. Meanwhile, an unofficial copy of R9-25-401 and R9-25-406, as revised effective June 30, 2007, is available here:

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